

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An image forming method having a step of: applying an image processing for forming an optimum viewing image on an output medium to captured-image data outputted from an image-capturing device; wherein the step of the image processing includes: a scene-referred image data generation process for generating scene-referred image data on the basis of the captured-image data; and a viewing image referred image data generation process for generating viewing image referred image data on the basis of the generated scene-referred image data; wherein, the image processing includes a smoothing processing and a sharpening processing.